

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-14 are currently pending. By this Amendment, new claims 47-49 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 4-14, and 47-49 are currently at issue. Applicants respectfully request consideration of this Amendment and the Power of Attorney and Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith before the issuance of a next Office Action and also respectfully request allowance of the present claims.

I. Examiner Interview

Examiner Castellano conducted a telephone Interview with Applicants' attorney Gregory G. Schlenz on February 12, 2009. Applicants and their attorney thank Examiner Castellano for his time in conducting the Interview.

In the Interview, the Examiner's rejection of pending claim 1 over the Hawley and Edwards references was discussed, as well as potential §112 issues with regard to claim 1 and issues regarding the Power of Attorney and Terminal Disclaimer currently on file. The Examiner indicated that the amendments to claim 1 ("a predominant portion of the inner stacking surface lies in a single horizontal plane") may overcome the rejections over Hawley and Edwards. The Examiner also indicated that the language added to claim 49 ("the sidewall further comprising an exterior concave surface filling the area between the arched portion and the base") may overcome the rejections over Hawley and Edwards. Additionally, Applicants agreed to file a new Power of Attorney and re-file the Terminal Disclaimer with an appropriate signature.

II. Power of Attorney and Terminal Disclaimer

Applicants have filed herewith a new Power of Attorney in the present application. Additionally, the previously-filed Terminal Disclaimer has been re-filed, and has been properly signed by an attorney of record in the new Power of Attorney. Applicants submit that no fees are due in connection with this re-filed Terminal Disclaimer, as the fee was paid upon the previous filing.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early notice of the same. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if anything is necessary to further the progress of the present Application.

Please charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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